

Department of Energy

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00-RU-0261

Mr. M. J. Bullock, Vice President BNFL Inc. 3000 George Washington Way Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Bullock:

REGULATORY UNIT (RU) COMMENTS ON BNFL RESPONSE TO SAFETY INTEGRATION INSPECTION REPORT IR-99-008

References:

- (1) BNFL letter 011526 to D. C. Gibbs, RU, from A. J. Dobson, "Contract No. DE-AC06-96RL13308 W375 Second Response to Safety Integration Inspection Report," dated February 25, 2000
- (2) DOE letter 00-RU-0135 to M. J. Bullock, BNFL, from D. C. Gibbs, "Regulator Unit (RU) Comments on BNFL Response to Safety Integration Inspection Report, IR-99-008," February 8, 2000
- (3) BNFL letter 009182 to D. C. Gibbs, RU, from A. J. Dobson, "Contract No. DE-AC06-96RL13308 W375 Response to Safety Integration Inspection Report," dated January 18, 2000
- (4) DOE letter 00-RU-0110 to M. J. Lawrence, BNFL, from D. C. Gibbs, "Safety Integration Inspection Report, IR-99-008," December 3, 1999

References 1 through 4 describe the documents that contain the Safety Integration inspection report and Finding, BNFL Inc. (BNFL) initial and second response to the Finding, and the RU's comments on BNFL's initial response. The RU reviewed BNFL's second response to the Finding (Reference 1) and concluded that your response is acceptable. The RU determined that the corrective action commitments, if properly implemented, should address the Finding (IR-99-008-02-FIN).

In accordance with RU Management Directive 2.3, "Commitment Management System," the RU will track the BNFL corrective action commitments that were described in References 1 per the enclosed

"Table 1 – BNFL Inc. Safety Integration Commitments."

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The RU will verify your corrective actions during future inspection activities. Once the corrective actions have been verified, the RU will close Finding IR-99-008-02-FIN.

Nothing in this letter should be construed as changing the Contract (DE-AC06-96RL13308). If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Pat Carier of my staff on (509) 376-3574.

Sincerely,

D. Clark Gibbs, Regulatory OfficialOffice of Safety Regulationof the TWRS-P Contractor

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Enclosure:

Table 1, BNFL Inc.

Safety Integration Commitments

cc w/encl:

D. W. Edwards, BNFL